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| Title: METHOD,    | APPARATUS AND    | ARTICLE-OF-MANUFAC    | TURE FOR THE   |
| CREATION          | I, ISSUANCE, VAL | LUATION/PRICING, TRAD | ING AND        |
| EXERCISE          | OF OPTIONS FOR   | ATTENDANCE RIGHTS,    | AND DERIVATIVE |
| INSTRUME          | ENTS THEREON     |                       |                |
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## **RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED AUGUST 16, 2005**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 16, 2005, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.